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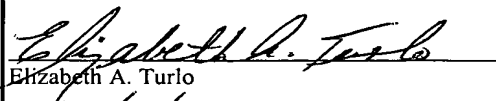
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Narayan Venkatasubramanyan, et al.
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Dear Sir:

Second Request for Status

Please advise the status of the above-identified patent application. Applicants received a Status Reply Letter from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 10, 2003, stating that Applicants could expect the application to be examined in approximately fifteen months. To date, Applicants have not received an Office Action and are again requesting status of the first Office Action and the status of this case.

If there are any matters that can be cleared up through a telephone conversation, please contact the undersigned attorney for Applicants at (214) 953-6812.

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